



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
42D AIR BASE WING (AETC)
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE ALABAMA

MEMORANDUM FOR MAXWELL/GUNTER NEWCOMERS

FROM: 42 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Welcome to Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex in the Alabama River Region. Maxwell AFB is home of Air University, the Air Force's center for professional military education. The base is also home to many tenant organizations including the Air Force Doctrine Center, Air Force Materiel Command's Operations and Sustainment Systems Group and Air Force Reserve Command's 908th Airlift Wing. With so many units, the tempo at Maxwell/Gunter is brisk.
2. The mission of the 42d Air Base Wing is to provide support to the entire Maxwell/Gunter team. I recommend you and your family visit our newcomer's web site at <http://newcomer.maxwell.af.mil> and the Maxwell/Gunter SITES web site at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites>. The web sites should answer many of your questions about Maxwell/Gunter and the surrounding communities in the weeks and months before you arrive. Once you arrive at Maxwell, we have two 24-hour check-in points—University Inn, located at 450 LeMay Plaza North on Maxwell and the Lodging Office at 100 South Turner Boulevard on Gunter Annex. When you sign in for duty at your unit, you will be scheduled for the Maxwell/Gunter Right Start In-processing, offered every Tuesday from 0730-1500 at the Maxwell Enlisted Club for your one-stop in-processing needs. Air War College and Air Command and Staff College students will be scheduled for a unique version of Right Start through each college.
3. Once you are settled, I urge you to explore Alabama and its rich southern traditions. The River Region, which includes Montgomery, Prattville, Millbrook and Wetumpka, is rich in history and there are many opportunities to get involved. Our Services Division offers tours of many historical and cultural sites in the Southeast, super shopping trips, sporting event packages and discount tickets on numerous community and regional events. The base has a terrific relationship with the communities of the Tri-County area. Our military and civilian communities look forward to your arrival and stand ready to provide excellent service in your relocation. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities here and to become involved in the on-base and off-base community. I am confident you will find your new duty station challenging and an outstanding place to live, work, learn and play. We look forward to having you on our Maxwell/Gunter team!

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